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CHESS AND SUPPER TOGETHER.

Playing a Game Without the Board—Not Exhausting to the Memory.

At supper after the ninth game between Steinitz and Zukertort was over, both talking and unconscious exhibition of chess without the chess board. Zukertort was attending to the wing of a duck, but his defeat was evidently still ranking in his mind. "Steinitz," he said, "what would you have done if I had played rook takes bishop's pawn?"

"Pawn takes rook," replied Steinitz, digging out a bone bouche from the duck's breast.

"Queen to knight's sixth, check," said Zukertort, reaching for his glass of beer.

"King to bishop's square—please pass the bread," replied Steinitz.

"Queen takes pawn, rook's sixth, check; no, thanks, no sugar."

"King to bishop's second; what is in that dish, potatoes?"

And so it went on; both gentlemen carrying on the business of the table and each with a vivid chess-board pictured mentally before him. They played this variation out to the end of it, and then took up another and another, evidently able to call up a photograph of the game at any stage at will.

"How do you do it, doctor?" queried a reporter.

"I can't explain it," he said. "I see the board and the pieces just as clearly as though they were before me."

"Doesn't that require a tremendous exertion of the memory?"

"No. Of course everybody can do it, but it is not hard to do if you go at it right."

"Isn't the effort exhausting?"

"Not at all. I would much sooner play ten games blindfolded simultaneously than one match game."

"How many games can you play blindfolded simultaneously?"

"I have played sixteen. There is no mental limit, however, to the amount of that sort of thing that one can do. Of course some do not push it as far as others."—St. Louis Republic.

Professor Sophocles, of Harvard College.

The old Greek was catechizing his class one day on the ancient history of his native country. "When did Theophilus live?" he asked of one sophomore. "Before Christ," "Wrong!" shouted the professor. And then addressing the next sophomore: "When did Theophilus live?" "After Christ," "Wrong!" shouted the professor again. And then he repeated the question to a third student: "When did Theophilus live?" "Neither before nor after Christ," "You are right, young man!" said the professor. "There never was any such man as Theophilus." It was one of the little historical traps that Sophocles liked to set for the budding wisdom of Harvard.—Boston Harvard.

Cheapest Place in the World.

The cheapest of all civilized or half-civilized countries of the present world is probably the Persian part of Armenia. The traveler Vamberger states that in the mountain districts of that frugal territory half a florin (about 35 cents) would be considered fair monthly wages for a hard working man, and that the mitegold, or hard-money, paid to the parents of a shepherd boy varies from 60 to 75 cents a year. Yet even at those modest rates few applicants can obtain employment, and the highways swarm with beggarly youngsters, ready to follow a bread-giver to the end of the world.—Dr. Felix L. Oswald.

A Prize of a Thousand Ducats.

The Vienna Gazette announces that a prize of 1,000 ducats is offered by the owners of the Ostran coal mines for the best methods of depriving of danger the necessary work of blasting in pits subject to fire-damp, or of a method of dispensing altogether with the use of gunpowder or dynamite in such operations. Inventors are to address their communications to the director of mines in Vienna, and the latest date for sending in solutions of the problem is the close of the year 1886. Kansas City Journal.

Patti Is To Be a Princess.

Mme. Adeline Patti will be a princess after her marriage with M. Nicolini, according to the Paris Gaulois, which declares it has its information from the most authoritative source. Nicolini is to be created a prince by a foreign chancery. The honor has been obtained by the diva herself, who, being a marchioness by first marriage, wishes to become a princess on the occasion of her second.—Inter Ocean.

Tobacco and British Cabinet Officers.

Most of the British cabinet were smokers, and some, like Sir Hicks Beach, Lord Randolph Churchill, and Sir Richard Cross, strong smokers. Lord Carnarvon, too, was as good a judge of a prime cigar as even Lord Derby, who blows \$1 into thin air every time he lights a weed. The present ministers, including the premier, are mostly non-smokers.—Chicago Times.

The Language of Sealing-Wax.

The language of sealing-wax promises to supplant that of flowers. Red wax must be used for business only, black wax for mourning, and blue to signify love. Five tints of blue are made, to express all the gradations of passion. Pink wax is for congratulations, and white is for wedding and ball invitations.—Chicago Times.

As Charged by the Paris Papers.

Parisian papers stick to their assertion that numbers of French soldiers, guilty of some breach of prison discipline, are still lingering in Prussian dungeons. To all inquiries on the subject, they say, the Prussian government has thus far returned only evasive answers.—Cor. Cincinnati Enquirer.

The Profits of a Diastabulation.

It is calculated that the disestablishment of the Church of England would set free funds equal to \$917,500,000, of which, after the payment of all claims by the clergy for compensation and similar demands, there would remain a net gain of \$500,000,000.—Chicago Herald.

What Ruskin Says of Education.

Mr. Ruskin, in a recent letter, declares that the scientific education of to-day teaches that "honor is folly, ambition a virtue, clarity a vice, poverty a crime, and rascality the means of all wealth and the sum of all wisdom."

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